



TESTIMONY
of the
CONNECTICUT CONFERENCE OF MUNICIPALITIES
to the
ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE
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CCM is Connecticut's statewide association of towns and cities and the voice of local government - your partners in governing Connecticut. Our members represent over 93% of Connecticut's population. We appreciate this opportunity to provide testimony to you on issues of concern to towns and cities.

CCM has concerns with Senate Bill 246 "An Act Establishing a Date for the Submission of Personal Property Declarations and Property Tax Exemptions by Farmers".

Would standardize, across the state, the deadline for farmers to submit local personal property tax declarations and claims for exemptions.

CCM is (1) unaware of any problem that would necessitate the state mandating a change to a locally administered program and (2) concerned that there may be unintended consequences by passing such a law without (a) thoroughly examining the local deadlines and (b) why they are set as such.

CCM urges the committee to take no action on this bill.

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If you have any questions, please contact Kachina Walsh-Weaver, Senior Legislative Associate of CCM via email kweaver@ccm-ct.org or via phone (203) 498-3026.